



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT WEEK
MARCH 1-7, 2009

WHEREAS, North Dakota is blessed with a multitude of children and families – an essential part of the cultural, social and spiritual fabric of our state; and

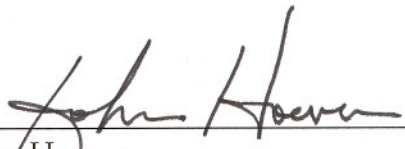
WHEREAS, strong families are at the core of strong communities; and

WHEREAS, preserving the cultural heritage of Native American families and children is important for the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Child Welfare Act, passed by the United States Congress in 1978, emphasizes the importance of Native American families being involved in the decisions and policies that affect their children; and

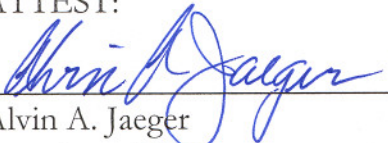
WHEREAS, it is important for state and tribal agencies to continue to work together to ensure a future of hope and opportunity for all North Dakota children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 1-7, 2009, **INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State